Aspire Notebook Series

Quick Guide

Product registration

When using your product for the first time, it is recommended that you immediately register it. This will give you access to some useful benefits, such as:

- Faster service from our trained representatives.
- Membership in the Acer community: receive promotions and participate in customer surveys.
- The latest news from Acer.

Hurry and register, as other advantages await you!

How to register

To register your Acer product, please visit **www.acer.com**. Select your country, click **PRODUCT REGISTRATION** and follow the simple instructions.

You will also be asked to register your product during the setup process, or you can double-click the Registration icon on the desktop.

After we receive your product registration, you will be sent a confirmation email with important data that you should keep in a safe place.

Obtaining Acer accessories

We are happy to inform you that Acer's warranty extension program and Notebook accessories are available online. Come and visit our online shop and find what you need at **store.acer.com**.

The Acer store is being progressively rolled out, and, unfortunately may not be available in some regions. Please check back regularly to see when it will be available in your country.

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Acer recommends...

Productivity Software

Work Great with Microsoft® Office 2010 - Express your ideas, solve problems and simplify everyday projects with Office 2010.

Photo editing - Easily edit and print your photos with Windows Live Photo Gallery. Then share them on Facebook, YouTube or Windows Live.

Search & Decide with Bing - Find and organize the answers you need using Bing™, so you can make faster, more informed decisions.

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First things first

We would like to thank you for making an Acer notebook your choice for meeting your mobile computing needs.

Your guides

To help you use your Acer notebook, we have designed a set of guides:

First off, the **Setup Poster** helps you get started with setting up your computer.

The **Quick Guide** introduces you to the basic features and functions of your new computer.

For more on how your computer can help you to be more productive, please refer to the **Aspire User Guide.** The **Aspire User Guide** contains useful information applying to your new computer. It covers basic topics such as using the keyboard and audio, etc.

This guide contains detailed information on such subjects as system utilities, data recovery, expansion options and troubleshooting. In addition it contains warranty information and the general regulations and safety notices for your notebook.

Follow these steps to access it:

1 Click on **Start** > **All Programs** > **AcerSystem**.

2 Click on **AcerSystem User Guide**.

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Your Acer notebook tour

After setting up your computer as illustrated in the setup poster, let us show you around your new Acer notebook.

Keyboard view

#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Keyboard	For entering data into your computer. ***Caution:*** *Do not use a keyboard protector or similar cover as the keyboard includes ventilation intakes for cooling.*
2		Touchpad	Touch-sensitive pointing device. *The touchpad and selection buttons form a single surface.* *Press down firmly on the touchpad surface to perform a left click.* *Press down firmly on the lower right corner to perform a right click.*

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Screen view

#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Webcam	Web camera for video communication.
2		Microphone	Internal microphone for sound recording.
3		Display	Displays computer output.

Front view

#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Power button	Turns the computer on and off.
2		Power indicator	Indicates the computer's power status.
		Battery indicator	Indicates battery status. ***Charging:*** *The light is amber when the battery is charging.* ***Fully charged:*** *The light is blue.*

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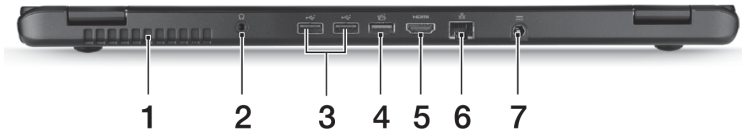
Rear view



#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Ventilation and cooling fan	Allows the computer to stay cool. *Do not cover or obstruct the openings.*
2		Headset/speaker jack	Connects to audio devices (e.g., speakers, headphones) or a headset with microphone.
3		USB 2.0 ports	Connect to USB 2.0 devices (e.g., USB mouse, USB camera).
4		USB 3.0 port	Connects to USB devices. *A USB 3.0 port can be distinguished by its blue connector (see below).*
5		HDMI port	Supports high-definition digital video connections.
6		Ethernet (RJ-45) port	Connects to an Ethernet 10/100/1000-based network.
7		DC-in jack	Connects to an AC adapter.

Information on USB 3.0

- Supports power-off USB charging, allowing you to charge supported mobile devices while the notebook is switched off.
- Defined by the USB 3.0 (SuperSpeed USB) specification.
- Devices without USB 3.0 certification may not be compatible.

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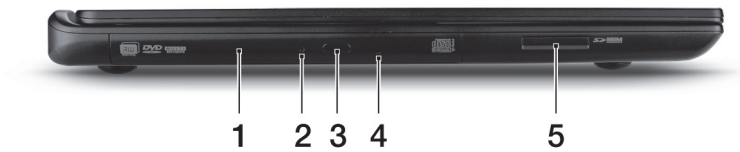
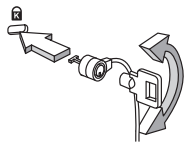
Left view



#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Optical drive	Internal optical drive; accepts CDs or DVDs.
2		Optical disk access indicator	Lights up when the optical drive is active.
3		Optical drive eject button	Ejects the optical disk from the drive.
4		Emergency eject hole	Ejects the optical drive tray when the computer is turned off. *Carefully insert a straightened paper clip to eject the optical drive tray.*
5		2-in-1 card reader	Accepts one Secure Digital (SD or SDHC) card or MultiMediaCard (MMC). ***Note:*** *Push to remove/install the card. Only one card can operate at any time*

Right view

#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Kensington lock slot 	Connects to a Kensington-compatible computer security lock. *Wrap the computer security lock cable around an immovable object such as a table or handle of a locked drawer. Insert the lock into the notch and turn the key to secure the lock.* *Keyless models are also available.*

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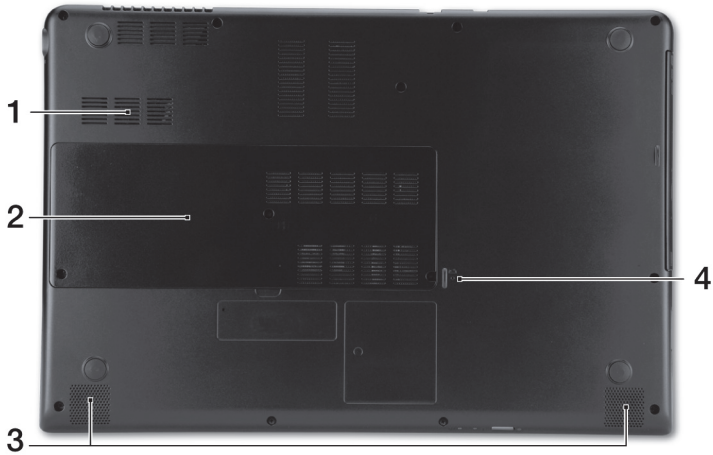
Base view



#	Icon	Item	Description
1		Ventilation and cooling fan	Allows the computer to stay cool. *Do not cover or obstruct the openings.*
2		Hard disk bay	Houses the computer's hard disk.
		Memory compartment	Houses the computer's main memory.
3		Speakers	Deliver stereo audio output.
4		Battery reset pinhole	Simulates removing and reinstalling the battery *Insert a paperclip into the hole and press for four seconds to reset the computer.*

Environment

- Temperature:
  - Operating: 5 °C to 35 °C
  - Non-operating: -20 °C to 65 °C
- Humidity (non-condensing):
  - Operating: 20% to 80%
  - Non-operating: 20% to 80%

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Connecting to the Internet

Your computer's wireless connection is turned on by default.

Windows will detect and display a list of available networks during setup. Select your network and enter the password if required.

To turn your computer's Bluetooth or wireless connections on or off, press **<Fn+F3>** to open Launch Manager.

Note: Click **On** to enable the wireless/Bluetooth connection. Click **Off** to disable.

Otherwise, open Internet Explorer and follow the instructions. Please also refer to your ISP or router documentation.

Acer Instant Connect

Instant Connect ensures a faster connection to any of the networks that your computer connects to most frequently.

Power management

This computer has a built-in power management unit that monitors system activity, such as activity involving one or more of the following devices: keyboard, mouse, hard disk, peripherals connected to the computer, and video memory. If no activity is detected for a period of time, the computer stops some or all of these devices in order to conserve energy.

Acer Green Instant On

The Acer Green Instant On feature allows your computer to wake up from Sleep mode in less than the time it takes to open the lid. When you close the lid, or select **Shut Down** > **Sleep** from the Start menu, your computer enters Sleep mode. While the computer is in Sleep mode, the power indicator LED will flash orange.

After a certain amount of time in Sleep mode, the computer will automatically enter Deep Sleep to preserve battery life. When the computer is in Deep Sleep, the power indicator LED will be turned off. In this state, battery life lasts up to 80 days.

Open the lid or press any key to wake your computer up from Deep Sleep or Sleep mode.

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Note: Once in Deep Sleep the system will consume significantly less power compared with Sleep mode, but it will take a little longer to wake up from Deep Sleep.

Deep Sleep and Sleep mode work together to ensure that your computer saves as much power as possible while still enabling quick, instant on access.

To save more power, your computer will typically enter and stay in Deep Sleep during times when it will not be frequently accessed, for example, during the middle of the night. To provide quicker access, your computer will enter and stay in Sleep mode during times when it will be accessed more frequently, for example, during working hours.